

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES KNOWLES,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRIS GOODNIGHT, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:21-cv-00280-JDP (PC)

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding without counsel, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) if there is no district in which any action may otherwise be brought as provided in this section, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court’s personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.” 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b).

In this case, none of the defendants appear to reside in this district, and plaintiff’s claims arose in Napa County, which is in the Northern District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 84(a).

1 Thus, this action should have been filed in the United States District Court for the Northern
2 District of California. In the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in
3 the wrong district to the correct district. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); *Starnes v. McGuire*, 512 F.2d
4 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

5 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United States
6 District Court for the Northern District of California.
7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Dated: February 16, 2021


9 JEREMY D. PETERSON
10 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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